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Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 CFR 1.56, Applicants call to the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office two Search Reports issued abroad in reference to a corresponding foreign application. Copies of both Search Reports dated June 6, 1997 and June 13, 1997 are attached.

The enclosed documents are being called to the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office solely to comply with the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 CFR 1.56 and is not intended to be construed as an admission by the Applicant that any of the documents listed is material.

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